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Uintah County Commission
147 East Main
Vernal, UT 84078

ATTN: Neil Domgaard, Chairman

SUBJECT: ML 30576

Dear Commissioner Domgaard:

I received a reply from Bob Nicholson to my inquiry of August 24, as to the nature of a mining disturbance on lands to which the county has operating rights from Celsius Energy Company. Mr. Nicholson indicated that the county was in fact responsible for a large pit recently carved into a hillside. Apparently there was some misunderstanding regarding notification requirements. The Division of State Lands & Forestry has not yet authorized this work to be done by the county. Opening of the pit without explicit approval from the Division is considered a violation of our lease agreement. By way of acceptable remedy, Uintah County may within 30 days from receipt of this letter:

1. Completely restore and reclaim the disturbed lands; or,
2. Submit a mining and reclamation plan detailing existing disturbances and methods of restoring and reclaiming the disturbed lands. This reclamation plan must be implemented by May 30, 1985, unless commercial mining operations are underway by that date.

Failure by Uintah County or Celsius Energy to make acceptable remedy within said 30 days may result in cancellation of this lease. You are also advised that this lease is presently in danger of cancellation due to unauthorized operations by John Fairbanks on another tract of land.

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If Celsius or Fairbanks fails to make remedy in this other occurrence and the lease is thereby cancelled, then it will be necessary to also immediately have reclamation performed at the site made by Uintah County. Please Contact me should you have questions in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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MINERALS RESOURCE SPECIALIST

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✓ cc: Tom Tetting
Division Oil Gas and Mining

Bob Nicholson, Uintah County Planner
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